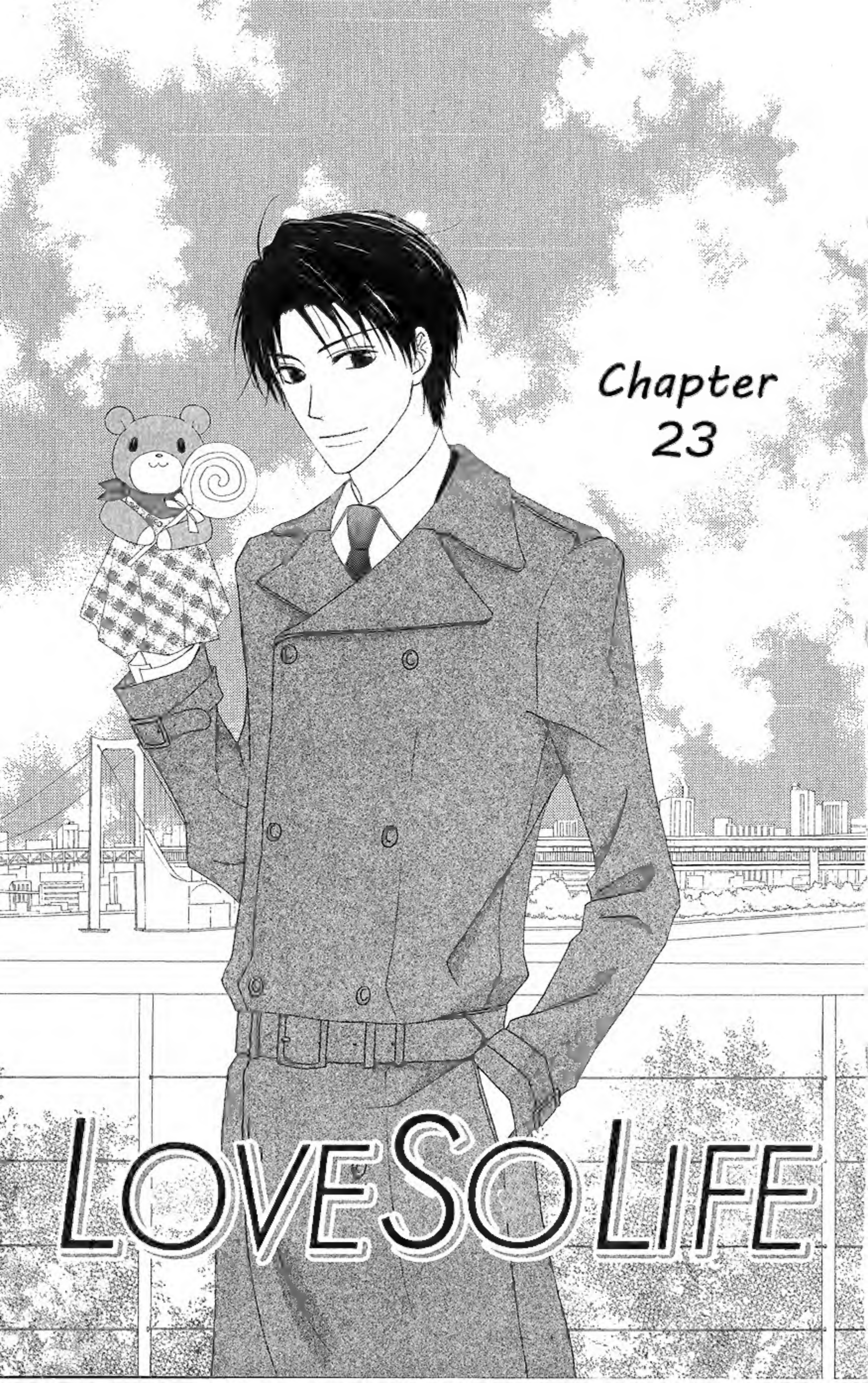
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About 6 Years Ago

Matsunaga Seiji (19)

MATSU-NAGA

WEREN'T YOU GOING TO GIVE YOUR GIRLFRIEND A BAG FOR VALENTINE'S DAY THIS YEAR?

HOW DID SHE REACT?

AH

SHE WAS PRETTY HAPPY.

AH, NO... SHE TOLD ME THE COLOR AND SHAPE SHE WANTED ...

I WOULD'VE PREFERRED ANOTHER COLOR, THOUGH

You're amazing

YEAH

REALLY ?

MATSU-NAGA-SAN'S THERE, BUT NOT QUITE!

WHAT COLOR DID YOU WANT ?

MILK PINK.

THIS IS CHERRY PINK!

H...

HEY... ISN'T THAT YOUR GIRL-FRIEND ...?

.....

And to begin with, don't create two different shades of pink!!! It's confusing!!

I wouldn't notice such a difference!!! And the shop only had one color!!!

Ah!

MATSU-NAGA ...!

THEN WHY DON'T YOU TELL MATSU-NAGA-KUN?

HE'LL DEFINITELY CHANGE IT FOR YOU.

HMM——...?

IT'S AL-RIGHT ♡

THAT CHARACTER IS WHAT I LIKE ABOUT HIM ♡

WHAT? IN THE END, YOU'RE JUST SPEAKING FONDLY OF HIM!

TEHE ♡

.....

Matsu-naga...

That guy has such bad timing ...

SUNFLOWER HOUSE

NOAH

.....

A LITTLE AT A TIME!

CAN WE EAT THEM !?

EH ...?

THOSE... ARE FROM A CERTAIN ANNOUN-CER.

SENSEI, WHAT'RE THESE !?

EH !!

I'M SORRY ...

AND HE MADE QUITE A WORRIED FACE ...

HE SEEMED TO WANT TO REMAIN ANONY-MOUS ...

UMM ... THAT ANNOUN-CER IS ...

THAT'S WHY, RATHER THAN LEAVING IT TO ROT,

I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE BETTER TO LET THESE CHILDREN HAVE IT —— !

I REALLY WANTED TO FINISH WHAT I RECEIVED, BUT

THIS AMOUNT IS REALLY BEYOND MY ABILITIES. THEY TAKE UP SPACE, AND RECENTLY THE SMELL HAS BEEN GIVING ME A HEADACHE ——

Haaa——!

AMAZING! THERE'S A GOLDEN BAG!

That's right.

It's been hard on him, too ...

I SEE ...

Now that I think about it, there was a fair amount in the taxi ...

Is this really okay...?

...
YEAH
...
LET'S CHERISH THEM
...

AMAZING! THESE LOOK EXPENSIVE!!

AND HERE'S A FLOWER-SHAPED ONE!

Some of them... are probably honmei* chocolates ...

T/N: "honmei" chocolates are given to males that you have romantic feelings for, as opposed to "giri"-obligation chocolates.

Show me

IT'S REALLY AMAZING ...
EVERYTHING'S SO CUTE

THANKS!

UHM... I DIDN'T PUT ANYTHING WEIRD IN THEM...

YES...

YOU'RE GIVING THEM TO ME?

THEY'RE HOME-MADE?!

IT MAKES ME REALLY HAPPY!

What should I give Naka-mura-san...?

T/N: On White Day (March 14), males who received chocolate, whether honmei or giri, are expected to return the favor.

MATSU-NAGA

?

WHAT'S WRONG? YOU'RE MAKING A SCARY FACE.

A RETURN GIFT FOR SHIHARU-CHAN?

I'm not sure what she would like

BUT SHE'S A STU-DENT.

YOU DON'T NEED TO BROOD OVER SUCH A THING.

JUST BUY SOME-THING SHE LIKES.

She'll probably be happy with anything

A student

Eh? Then

WHAT DID YOU BUY WHEN YOU WERE ONE?

.....

I DON'T REALLY WANT TO RECALL WHAT HAPPENED THEN...

Hmm

BUT REALLY, WE'VE GOT TO PUT SOME THOUGHT INTO IT IF IT'S FOR SHIHARU-CHAN.

Urgh

STAB

I WOULD'VE PREFERRED ANOTHER COLOR, THOUGH

SHE'S THE TYPE THAT BELIEVES

IT'S THE THOUGHT THAT COUNTS, NOT THE GIFT RECEIVED.

FOR EXAMPLE, EMBRACING HER CLOSELY OR KISSING HER ONE HUNDRED TIMES IN ONE NIGHT. ♡

ENOUGH ALREADY. I'M AN IDIOT FOR LISTENING TO YOU.

AHH—— SORRY, SORRY. THAT WAS WHAT A LOVER WOULD DO.

THEN GIVE HER THAT!

SOME-THING PRAC-TICAL

SHE DOESN'T SEEM LIKE THE TYPE WHO'S INTERESTED IN BRAND NAMES OR EXPENSIVE THINGS.

.....

This guy.

He could tell this much ...

HEY, I'M PRETTY SURE ABOUT THIS ♡

Has only talked to Nakamura-san once, and yet ...

BUT ...

I SEE— SHIHARU-CHAN, HUH? ~

THAT'S RIGHT ~

SHE'S CUTE, KIND, LOVEABLE AND WELL-MANNERED, YET RELIABLE ~

.....?

WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY ...?

EH— ♡ CAN I SAY IT?

SHI-HARU-CHAN IS MA-TSU-NAGA'S —

DA STRIKE RIGHT～～～～？

!?

LET ME VISIT THIS SHOP FOR A BIT.

AH, SORRY.

WHA ... WHAT ARE YOU SAYING ...?

PEACH JEAN

1

Hello! This is Kouchi Kaede

Thanks to everyone. this series is now up to volume 5

I still vividly remember how touched I was when volume 1 was published. and yet we have already reached volume 5~

Time really flies

"Gyaaaaaaaaa!!!"

I have been writing while crying and vomiting like this. but it hasn't been so bad recently

This is entirely because readers like you have been there for me

I've started to feel that it's purely "a happy thing" rather than "pressure" to have so many people reading this series

Everyone. really. thank you very much



14th March

OKAY, EVERYONE. IT'S WHITE DAY TODAY, SO

I'M GIVING EVERYONE CANDY!

ONLY ONE PER PERSON!

Yay!

.....!

...Candy...

!?

Shiharu-tan

HMM?

AHHH

SHOVE

Shiharu-tan's!!

Okay, if one receives chocolates on Valentines Day, you need to return the favor with sweets. It's Japanese tradition.

Driven into by Matsunaga

EH...

I'M REALLY HAPPY!

They actually remembered---

No way...

Fwite day!!

F... FOR ME!?

THA...

THANK YOU!

---TODAY

YOU TWO DIDN'T SEEM TO HAVE A PROPER NAP, BUT...

ARE YOU ALRIGHT?

Nice smell

GRAB

Ah!

AKANE-CHAN

Had wanted to eat it

Ahhhhhh

You can't do that!

They are going to live just like adults

I SEE, AMAZ-ING!

Arlight!

Yeah amazing!

Amazhng?!

Just like this a little at a time ...

and grow up---

WOBBLY

WOBBLY

On the other, I feel a little lonely

On one hand, I'm happy

Wha...!

Ngh...

He looks really sleepy!!

AOI-KUN, THAT WAS DANGEROUS! YOU'LL GET HIT!

Ah

GIT

This is bad!

AKANE-CHAN TOO...!?

AH

Nodding

Nodding

1 person about 13kg
X 2 = 26 kg

Furthermore if they fall asleep

It'll be hard for me to balance myself

It'll be impossible to carry both of them home with my upper body strength---

If these 2 fall asleep here---

How about a race---!?

WOBBLE

WE ARE ALMOST HOME---!

PLEASE HANG IN THERE!

Already unable to open his eyes

Shiaru-tan

.....

Dunn wannnna ----

IT'S... NO USE...! ... !

UGHH...

GRIP

uu-

.....

WHAT SHOULD I DO...?

...WHAT...

FELL ASLEEP


--- Should I carry each of them 5 meters at a time...?
5m
NO NO, I CAN'T DO THAT...
A CAR MIGHT DRIVE PAST
Calm down!!
Eh
SHIHARU-CHIN?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
Ta-Takeru-kun
!'
?

Pant

Faint

Na

Naka mura-san

WELCOME HOME, MATSUNAGA-SAN

IT'S BEEN HARD ON YOU!

It's just about time, so it's fine.

It's already time for you to go back.

Sorry for returning so late...

DRAG

No, wait!
If I give it to her now, wouldn't it seem sloppy...!?
I should at least wait a while---...

?

AH!

PLEASE WAIT!

THE TWINS ARE ALREADY ASLEEP, SO I'LL BE...

The return gift...

GRAB

IT'S LATE ALREADY

I'LL TAKE YOU BACK!

UMM SORRY, YOU'RE ALREADY TIRED...

No, it's fine.

Ah! THAT'S RIGHT!

UMM, TODAY...

It's been a while since we've walked together, just the two of us

E Eh? I'm getting nervous

This is strange What do we usually talk about when we are alone ?

!!

AKANE-CHAN AND AOI-KUN FELL ASLEEP ON THE ROADSIDE AT THE SAME TIME---

EH!? AT THE SAME TIME!?

YES, BUT TAKERU-KUN HAPPENED TO PASS BY---

SO HE HELPED ME CARRY THEM BACK!

I SEE...

SORRY TO HAVE TROUBLED YOU...

Ah NO

IT'S BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T GET ENOUGH SLEEP DURING NAP-TIME

AH, I'LL THANK TAKERU FOR YOU LATER

---If it's something I can do

I want to appear in that situation---

YES!

Thank you

THANKS FOR THE CHOCO-LATES

YES?

NAKA-MURA-SAN

THIS ...

TODAY IS WHITE DAY, SO...

!

Why is she apologizing ...?

Eh.?

I'M SORRY!!

UMMMM... AH.... THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

I'm

I'M SORRY!

AH, IT'S ALRIGHT...

HACHOO!

Wh... What should I do?
Is it really okay for me to accept this?
The chocolates I gave... aren't even comparable to those from his fans.
They're cheap chocolates...

Ha...

Lift

IT'S COLD TODAY, SO USE THIS

N...

NO, I'M FINE! MATSUNAGA-SAN SHOULD USE IT! YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO HAVE A NASALLY VOICE AT WORK!

THE SAME GOES FOR YOU. IT'LL BE BAD IF YOU CATCH A COLD

IN...

IN ANY CASE...

Faint

Faint

POKE POKE

NO, NAKAMURA-SAN SHOULD

MATSU-NAGA-SAN SHOULD

IRRITATED

HACHOO

PUSH

I'll accept your good intentions

IT'S MATSUNAGA-SAN'S, SO YOU SHOULD USE IT!!

ROUND AND ROUND

WA.

A

IT'S FINE, USE IT!

Ma

Matsu-naga-san is angry---!?

...PLEASE, OCCASION-ALLY...

LET ME LOOK GOOD TOO!

.....

...ye

YES...

.....



From the muffler

is the familiar scent of detergent that I'm used to

And faintly

Matsunaga-san's
scent---





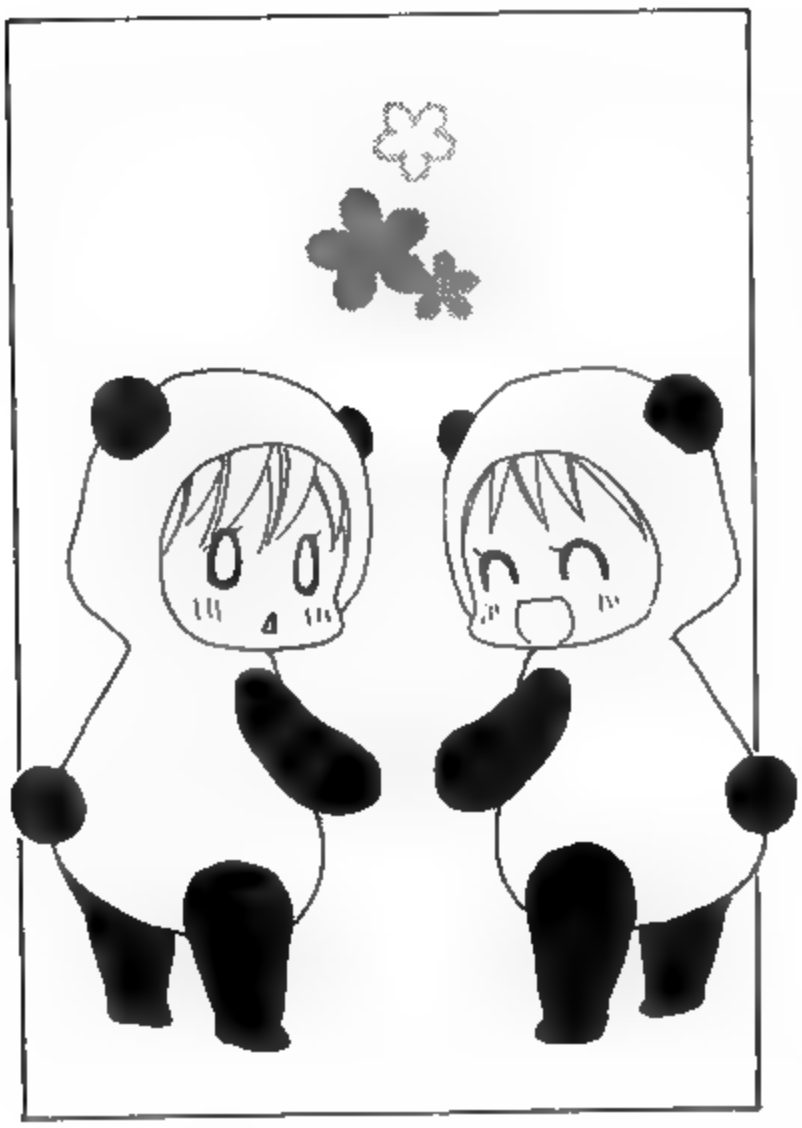


IN THE END, JUST AS OIKAWA SUGGESTED, SOMETHING PRACTICAL THAT SHIHARU CAN USE AND ENJOY
NEXT CHAPTER TO BE CONTINUED IN HANA TO YUME'S ISSUE 8 (ON SALE FROM THE 20TH OF MARCH)

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Chapter 24





HEY! AKANE-CHAN, AOI-KUN!

And so

The cold winds recede

And before you know it, Spring has come!

FROM TODAY ONWARDS,

I'LL BE A SECOND YEAR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT!

Haigh Skool?

clink

HERE. EAT YOUR YOGURT ☆

YUP! A "SECOND YEAR"

Already Finished

Yo-gard! ♡

IGNORE

Thinks she'll get fed if she does this.

Hn

??

CRASH

Aaa

!!

CHOMP

NHA
!

NH-NH-
WHAT!?
WHAT'S
WRONG
!?

BUT TO EVEN EAT AOI-KUN'S SHARE ...

IT WOULD BE UNFAIR TO AOI-KUN, WHO'S EN-JOYING HIS YOGURT

GRR...

...I SEE. THE YOGURT WAS REALLY DELICIOUS, HUH?

YOU WANTED TO EAT MORE, DIDN'T YOU?

SOB

.....

Good girl!

APOLOGY, START!

...

Sowry

....

!

Yay!

AOI! LET'S BUY YOGURT AGAIN SOMETIME!

PULL

ok

SHI-HARU!!

A AKANE-CHAN!!

You aren't reflecting at all!

Matsunaga

Fast asleep

RIO!!

Morning!

HAVE YOU SEEN THE CLASS LISTS!? WE'RE IN THE SAME CLASS AGAIN!

EH!! REALLY!?

(2)

The pace at which manuscripts are written is important for an author, so an assistant is definitely necessary.

I'm really grateful to my assistants for always trying their best to aid me. Although my instructions are usually vague

Everyone, thank you for always helping me with the tone, drawing the lovely backgrounds and small articles, as well as helping to write the interesting dialogues!!! Please continue taking care of me until the day you are able to flap your wings and achieve your dreams

(There are many new manga artists that work as assistants)

And so, this is the first time I've written about something less well-known - my assistants - in the afterword. The remaining 3-4 spaces are about me...

:(=



To allow us to get to know our classmates better,

our school organizes an extra-curricular lesson (mountain climbing)

once the new term starts.

What's with this class allocation!?

Why am I in the same class as those two!?

And on top of that where are my friends!?

MICHIKA, FIGHT! ☆

TAGAMI'S THE ONLY ONE SEPARATED FROM US

RI★D

Tagami Michika

The Spring of our second year

WHY ISN'T SHE FINDING A GROUP LIKE EVERY-BODY ELSE!?

.....

Who does she think she is?!

2-D

ALRIGHT, PLEASE LET ME KNOW

ONCE YOU'VE FORMED GROUPS OF 5-6 PEOPLE.

Here!

.....

THERE ARE SO MANY PEOPLE HERE!

ISN'T IT JUST THAT SHE'S UN-WILLING TO MAKE NEW FRIENDS ?

BUT TAGAMI-SAN GOT SEPARATED FROM HER GOOD FRIENDS ...

EH ?!

WAIT... I'LL GO TALK TO HER...!

SHE TOLD ME NOT TO TALK TO HER...

YEAH, SORRY... I SHOULD'VE STOPPED YOU...

WE ONLY HAVE THREE PEOPLE, SO ...

!

HM...

IF IT'S ALRIGHT WITH YOU, WE COULD FORM A GROUP OF FIVE.

YEAH !!

And SO ...

LET'S GO—!

Group Leader: **Rio**

we are going mountain climbing!

thud thud

s...

SO HOT!

RIO-CHAN IS REALLY ENER-GETIC

I'M ALREADY FEELING TIRED

Eh

AH! SORRY! SHOULD WE TAKE A REST !?

IT'S OKAY, I'M STILL DOING FINE

HEY HEY, SHIHARU-CHAN.

YEAH ?

Was it "Kawase kun"?

AH, WASN'T THERE AN IDOL-LIKE GUY IN CLASS A—?

YEAH, YEAH!

WHICH CLASS WERE YOU IN LAST YEAR?

I WAS IN CLASS A! HOW ABOUT YOU, YUKINA-CHAN?

CLASS E—! OUR CLASSES WERE PRETTY FAR AWAY FROM EACH OTHER.

We've probably never met before

EH?

HOW DID YOU KNOW?

HE'S PRETTY FAMOUS.

MY FRIENDS SAID HE WAS "REALLY COOL!" TOO.

I SEE—!

that I get along so well with someone I've never met before

It's amazing

Although...

I feel o ttle nervous ...

AH!

JUST A LITTLE MORE TO THE TOP!

IT'S REALLY A BLESSING TO BE SEPARATED FROM TAGAMI

REA-LLY ?

It's fun!

YEAH, SHE GETS INTO A BAD MOOD EASILY WHEN THINGS DON'T GO HER WAY

Mountain top 50M

IT SERIOUSLY BECAME FAR EASIER.

In more way than one

IT'S REA~~LLY PEACEFUL NOW THAT WE'RE SEPARATED FROM MICHIKA ♡

You guys dare to say that when you stayed silent and just went along with her?

Became more peaceful?

……

RIO

HURRY, HURRY! WE'VE REACHED THE TOP!

Rio-chan?

You don't know how much trouble she caused us in first year !!

UWAA SO HIGH!

EH? I CAN'T FIND IT!

Since Hachioji is in that direction

SHOULDN'T IT BE SOMEWHERE OVER THERE?

UMM, ISN'T MT. FUJI LOCATED BETWEEN YAMANASHI AND SHIZUOKA?

WE CAN SEE MT. FUJI!?

EH?

CAN WE SEE MT. FUJI FROM HERE!?

IT FEELS GOOD!

Yoro-rehii

A ha ha ha!

I don't know!

THANKS!

WE'LL SEARCH FOR A SPOT TO HAVE LUNCH.

Yo, Class Rep!

WELL THEN, I'LL GO REPORT TO THE TEACHER!

NOT AGAIN!

AH!

SHI-HA...

FORWARD...

LAUGHING...

AH,

CRUNCH...

UM, TAGAMI-SAN.

WHAT?

.....

WILL YOU CUT IT OUT ALREADY?

I've been thinking.

IF IT'S FINE WITH YOU, LET'S EAT OUR BENTO* TOGETHER

T/N: Bento refers to lunch boxes.

I

REALLY HATE CREDIT-EARNING GIRLS LIKE YOU

WHO LOOK QUIET IN SCHOOL, BUT ACTUALLY PLAY WITH GUYS OUT-SIDE!

Take this

.....

... TAGAMI-SAN

YOU TWO AREN'T ON THE SAME TRACK.

Regarding the topic

SHI-HARU ...

I ADMIT I DO THAT ...

WHY DO I HAVE TO GET CHAS-TISED BY THE LIKES OF YOU?

I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU'RE SO BOTHERED, BUT

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF YOUR-SELF, WHO TREATS PEOPLE COLDLY WITHOUT ANY REASON?

...

WHA-

RIO !

IT'S JUST THAT NOBODY SAYS IT!

ONEE-CHAN

SHUT UP! YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT ME!

ONEE-CHAN, WHICH ONE WOULD YOU LIKE?

IT'S OKAY, CHOOSE THE ONE YOU LIKE!

MY! MITSUKI, YOU'RE WONDERFUL

ONEE-CHAN, LOOK! I'VE COMPLETED BEYER !

THAT'S AMAZING, MITSUKI!

YOU COMPLETED IT FIRST, EVEN THOUGH YOU STARTED LEARNING QUITE A BIT LATER THAN YOUR SISTER...

YOUR YOUNGER SISTER'S REALLY CUTE!

MAYBE I PICKED THE WRONG GIRL !

Charms people easily.

Kind, cute, and well-liked by everyone.

Onee chan!

An honor student who always grins when she does something.

It's irritating

You're the spitting image of her!

AH!

SLID

EH

...

SLAP

DON'T TOUCH ME!

Ah!

WATCH YOUR STEP, IT'S DANGER-OUS!

TAGAMI-SAN, BEHIND YOU...

GRAB

……

CALM DOWN, TAGAMI-SAN

CA…

Don't move!

KKK
YYY
AAA

……

GRAB HER, NOT HER CLOTHES!

READY, PULL!

PERO

wa wa wa wa

A wa wa wa

S... Someone help

Hurry

!

!?

DRAG

DRAG

ARE YOU ALRIGHT? ARE YOU HURT!?

I'M... I'M FINE ... I think...

THAT WAS DANGEROUS! WHAT WERE YOU DOING, TAGAMI

!?

I was so scared!

IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT!

IT'S ...

it's all because you suddenly came so close to me

SAD

WHA
...

WHAT'RE
YOU
...

DON'T
JOKE
WITH
ME...

WHEN
YOU
ALMOST
FELL,

SHIHARU
REACHED
OUT TO YOU
WITHOUT
HESITATING
...

DON'T
YOU
HAVE
ANY-
THING
ELSE
TO SAY
TO HER
!?

……

I …

I'M SORRY …

I NEVER THOUGHT RIO WOULD SLAP SOMEONE ...

Phew—

REALLY? IT WASN'T ENOUGH FOR ME, THOUGH!

What's wrong?

Ah sense.

THINKING ABOUT THAT INCIDENT IN FIRST YEAR MAKES ME WANT TO SLAP HER AGAIN!!

Once every 10 minutes.

Her face would swell!

.....

...BUT I WAS THINK-ING...

MAYBE TAGAMI-SAN

DOESN'T HAVE SOMEONE LIKE RIO BY HER SIDE;

SOME-BODY WHO SPEAKS THEIR MIND.

JUST KIDDING !!

You two will definitely get along well

THAT'S WHY I FIND

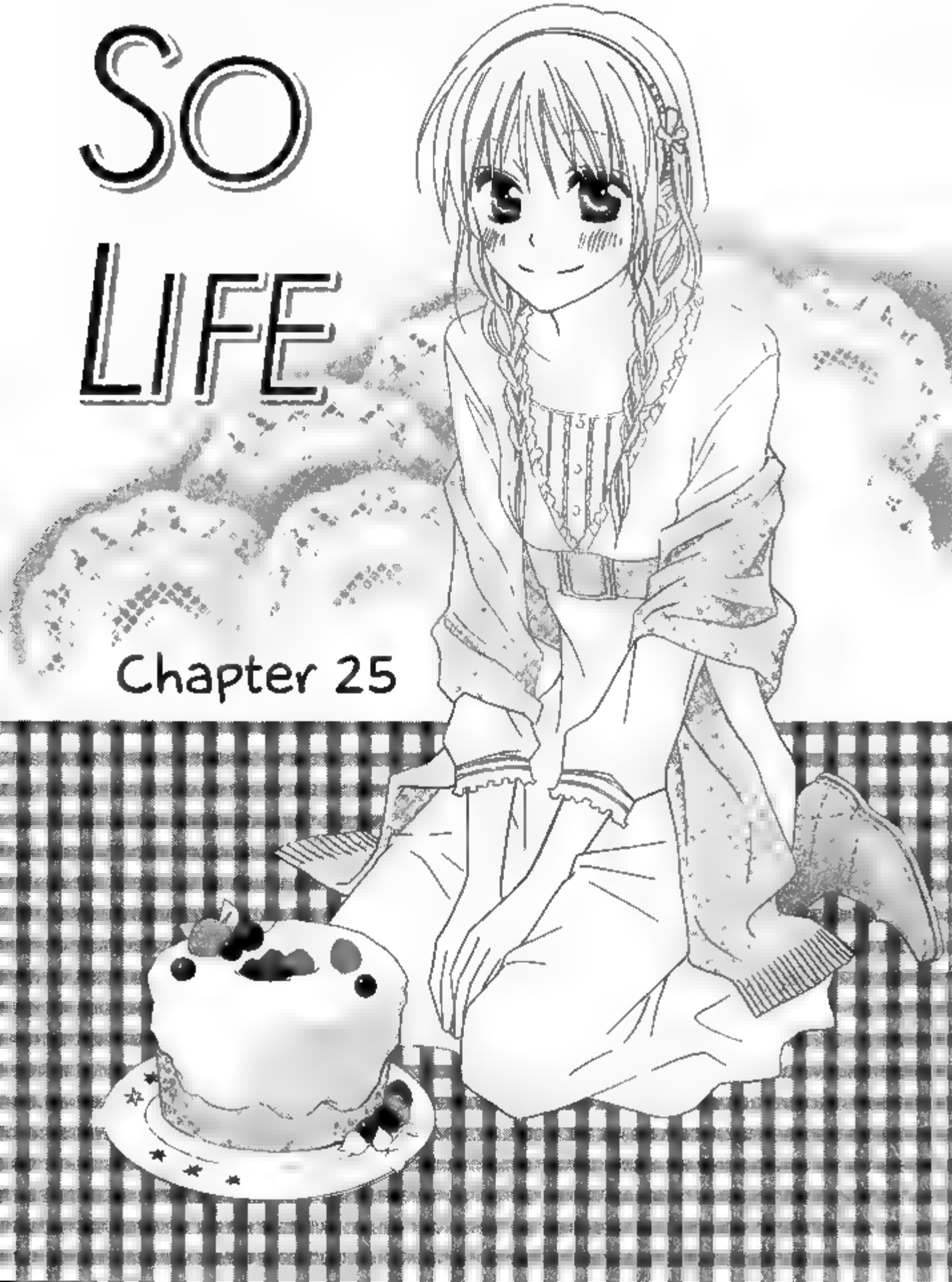
RIO AND TAGAMI-SAN VERY COMPAT-IBLE.

wha

The extracurricular lesson at the start of the new term...

I wonder if our friendship has gotten deeper?

Love So Life



Chapter 25


I was only able to say "Happy birthday!" on her second birthday
NAKA-MURA-SAN
IS THERE ANYTHING YOU'D LIKE OR ANYWHERE YOU WANT TO GO..
FOR YOUR BIRTH-DAY NEXT WEEK?
EH?!
That's why I want to at least give her something for her real birthday
AH, UHM.. WHEN IT WAS YOUR SECOND BIRTHDAY
HOW DID YOU KNOW ABOUT MY BIRTHDAY?
UHM..
EH?
AH.. NO, TODAY MARKS THE DAY SHE FIRST CAME HERE—
COULD IT BE NAKA-MURA-SAN'S BIRTHDAY TODAY?!


AH.. BUT YOU DON'T HAVE TO MAKE A FUSS ABOUT IT!
IT'S FINE, IT'S FINE!
JUST TELL ME WHERE-EVER YOU WANT TO GO
ON THE 18TH OF APRIL..
IF I RECALL CORRECTLY, HER REAL BIRTHDAY IS..
I SEE!
THAT'S WHAT I'D HEARD..
!
..UH
UHM..
EH—
THEN
Anywhere..


HOME CENTER
For example..
UHM.. STUFF LIKE PAPER TOWELS AND DETERGENT
ARE RUNNING OUT, SO..
And probably some diapers..
IT'D BE CHEAPER TO BUY THINGS LIKE THOSE AT BIGGER SHOPS..
...
IF YOU COULD COME WITH ME TO BUY THEM..
That would help a lot
WHA..
But
Well..
It's fine, I guess
Some how, this
Doesn't seem like how a normal female high school student would think
IS IT NOT POSS-B-E?


Have a good rest
It's been tough on you
BIRTH-DAY, HUH..?
Speaking of birthdays
Alright
THEN LET'S GO OUT TO BUY THEM..
NEXT SUNDAY
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
THOSE TWO ARE TURNING THREE THIS YEAR
That means
And.

wobbly

YES..?

RRRRR

RRRRR

It's been 1 year since my brother's disappea-rance—

AH,

WHAT? IS THAT YOU, SEIJI? WHAT'S THE MATTER?

AH, HELLO? MOM?

IT'S ME

Matsunaga Risa (49)

EH—? I HAVEN'T HEARD FROM HIM AT ALL

..UNFOR-TUNATELY

WELL.. IT'S BEEN A YEAR SINCE MY BROTHER DISAPPEARED.. SO I WAS WONDERING IF YOU'D HEARD ANYTHING FROM HIM

WHAT, HE STILL HASN'T BEEN FOUND?

I UNDER-STAND

IT'S ALRIGHT IF HE HASN'T CONTACTED YOU..

See you—

You know..

DON'T YOU HAVE ANY INTENTION OF COMING HERE AND TAKING CARE OF YOUR GRAND-CHILDREN?

Ah—

SORRY, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE RIGHT NOW. I'M BUSY OVER HERE

AREN'T YOU RECEIVING HELP FROM THE INSTITUTION TO TAKE CARE OF THEM?

.....

YOU'RE STILL YOUNG, SO THERE'S NO NEED FOR YOU TO BEAR THIS ALONE

YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE ANY CHILDREN OF YOUR OWN

beep—

18th April

TADA

¥590

Poof~

Gwaa——!

AH!

AOI-KUN!

Yeah—!

DON'T GET YOURSELF LOST, ALRIGHT?

Biiiig——!

3
True Story
Part 1

There's a really spacious and beautiful public library which is just a 5 minute bike ride up the hill, so I often go there...

Such a perfect place actually exists~?

The other day I did my storyboard at the terrace, surrounded by greenery at the library

heer~

The fuzz of the dandelions danced!

And then~ suddenly, so softly..

Well..

It's spring~

Fufufu~

Yeah~

But what did you go there for again?

It was a pretty good experience

Swirl~

AKANE-CHAN, THIS IS FOR SALE, YOU CAN'T PLAY WITH IT!

Shiaru-taaan

Eh—

THE CHILD-REN'S SECTION IS..

It's dange-rous!

WAAA!

Gaaah—

FUNFU

Paradise~

.....

30 MINUTES LATER..

NO!

Eh—

WE'LL COME HERE AGAIN

SO, WHY DON'T WE GO SHOPPING?

EH?!

So sud denly?!

I'LL BUY ONE TOY FOR EACH OF YOU, SO CHOOSE QUICKLY

We shouldn't waste the time we spend here

GASP

This is bad..

Yeah.

WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

IT'S THE WRONG TIME TO BRING THEM TO THE TOYS SECTION..

YEAH..

THEY HAVEN'T REACHED THE AGE WHERE THEY CAN ACT INDEPENDENTLY

N.. NO!

EH?!

YOU JUST THOUGHT I WAS SPOILING THEM, RIGHT..?

Lying

IT REALLY DOES TAKE MORE TIME IF WE BRING CHILDREN ALONG WHILE SHOPPING

Serious...

I LOVE GOING SHOPPING WITH ANYONE..

FOR EXAMPLE, I REMEMBER

SHOPPING WITH MY MOM..

BUT..

She would always mean something else

The fish is cheap..

Although she would ask

"What do you want to eat today?"

"Is that really okay?"

But when I chose something a lot cheaper instead

She would ask

Only to get rejected because of the price

Because she would say "I'll buy you just one snack"

I'd take my time choosing carefully

In the end, I really didn't know what to do

And was troubled over a single snack

HAHAHA

It's true!

Even though she said we were going home

I couldn't help but open the snack she bought

and she'd get angry with me

Ah!

If you drop it and I'm not going to buy you another one!

Hey! I'm not going to care if you drop it!

...

AH!

THAT'S RIGHT, THERE'S ALSO—

EVEN THOUGH THEY WERE TRIVIAL THINGS..

I STILL FOUND THEM REALLY FUN

WHEN I THINK OF THEM TODAY..

AH..

SORRY, I'VE BEEN THE ONLY ONE TALKING NON-STOP..

IT'S OKAY..

IN MY FAMILY MY PARENTS ARE ALWAYS ARGUING

EH..

THAT'S WHY I DON'T HAVE MANY MEMORIES OF GOING OUT AS A FAMILY

...

And my family went their separate ways

IT'S THE PERFECT TIME, SO WE'RE GETTING DIVORCED

...

AH.. I SEE

In the end They divorced when I entered university

After that, my dad got married to the woman he was having extramarital affairs with for a long time

And my mom pursued her ambitions overseas

I.. SEE..

YEAH

This is the first time I've heard about something like that..

So

WELL.. BOTH OF THEM ARE DOING FINE

AND THEY'RE HELPING ME FINANCIALLY TO SUPPORT THE TWINS, SO

I don't really mind

HEY, HAVE YOU GUYS DECIDED WHICH TOYS YOU WANT?

Matsunaga-san is really the only relative

that's there for Akane-chan and Aoi-kun..

Ughh~

HOW ABOUT YOU, AKANE?

IS THIS REALLY OKAY..?

80%OFF ¥267

This

NO

No! I wand! I wand!

Waa- nd!

ONLY ONE!

Wobbly

This

AKANE-CHAN, IF IT'S THIS, THEN EVERYONE CAN PLAY WITH IT TOGETHER

If it's something from these 5

Play house set

This!

Alright !!

YUP! I WANNA PLAY IT!

Right.. Shiaru-tan, pluay?

THAT'S RIGHT!

NAKA-MURA-SAN,

PLEASE CHOOSE A CUP THAT YOU LIKE

WAA SO CUTE!

NO... IT'S FINE! IT'S ENOUGH THAT YOU CAME HERE WITH ME TODAY! AND I HAVE MY OWN CUP AT THE INSTITUTION TOO!

YEAH, BUT

?

YOUR BIRTHDAY PRESENT

EH?

I THOUGHT IT'D BE GOOD..

IF YOU HAD ONE TO USE AT OUR HOUSE

A cup to use

At Matsunaga san's house?

One at our house meaning

Happy!

So sudden!

!

Why?

LI... UM, WHEN IS MATSUNA-GA-SAN'S BIRTH-DAY?

I need to say something!

MINE?

Something like that

THE 26TH OF FEBRUARY

ALRIGHT, FEBRUARY! GOT IT!

FEB-RUARY..

—FEBRUARY?!

WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME?

YOUR BIRTHDAY'S ALREADY PASSED, HASN'T IT!?

NAKA-MURA-SAN?

FHOOSH

I CAN'T BE THE ONLY ONE ON THE RECEIVING END!

NO WAY!

Flail~

AHH, I WAS TOO BUSY AND FORGOT ABOUT IT

AND IT'S NOT IMPOR-TANT ANY-WAY..

AH,

REALLY?

ALTHOUGH YOU DON'T REALLY NEED TO..

THEN... ISN'T IT FINE IF YOU GIVE ME SOMETHING NEXT YEAR...?

Then..

DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING YOU WOULD LIKE?

LET'S SEE..

HMM..? SOMETHING I WANT?

Something..
I want..?

!

MATSUNAGA-SAN?

NO!! IT'S A MISUNDERSTANDING!!

I DEFINITELY DON'T HAVE A GUILTY CONSCIENCE, IT'S NOTHING LIKE THAT...

DA

STRIKE

RIGHT ~~

I DON'T REALLY HAVE ANYTHING IN MIND RIGHT NOW...

AH

NO..

I'm fine

I've always felt like I owed her

because she takes care of the twins...

"Welcome back!"

To be precise..

But now...

Every day is..

IS LIKE A PRESENT FOR ME

NAKA-MURA-SAN

BEING HERE..

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SHIHARU

THANK YOU FOR BEING BORN AS MAMA'S CHILD

EH?

Eh?

Gasp

!!

I'm pretty sure..

I've seen this before...

AH

AKANE-CHAN, AOI-KUN!?

NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, AKANE-CHAN AND AOI-KUN ARE...

EH? THEY WERE HERE A SECOND AGO, BUT...

SAME FLOOR

WA— SO CUTE! THEY'RE TWINS!

Where is this place..?

AH—! SO CUTE

SHOCK

AH?

RUN

Shiaru-taan!

Shi..

Aaah—!

AHHHH!

AAHHH!

AH?

COULD THEY BE LOST?

NO!

SOLT

WHAT'S WRONG?

LET'S BRING YOU TO THE SERVICE COUNTER

THIS CRYING SOUNDS LIKE...

GYAAA!

Flail

Flail

I see You guys don't want to

Thank goodness you're here!

Shiaru-taan

AKANE-CHAN! AOI-KUN!

I'M SORRY !

Gasp

Hey

YOU GUYS SCATTERED THESE HERE

You guys don't want them?

Hugs

WHAT A RELIEF... YOU FOUND THEM

I'M SORRY TO HAVE TROUBLED YOU

Ahh—

AH, AH

WHAT A YOUNG MAMA AND PAPA

GO FOR IT~

Ufufu, so inno-cent

And so..

.....

My first trip to the home center came to an end

Kaushi home center

IS THIS ONE FINE?

WHEN DID IT ?

AH!

T.. THIS..

On my seventeenth birthday..

IS THIS... REALLY OKAY...?

Yes

PLEASE USE IT

I... I'M REALLY GOING TO USE IT...!

You can't refund this once I use it

BY ALL MEANS

HAPPY SEVENTEENTH BIRTHDAY

I found yet another..

place I belong

THANK YOU VERY MUCH..

I feel like

I was born in Matsunaga-san's cupboard

Chapter 25 ♥ end

LOVE SO LIFE



SHOWA KINEN PARK
SPRING FESTIVAL
FREE E.N.T.R.Y FOR ALL 3 DAYS
THROUGHOUT FLOWERS. TREES AND PEOPLE
THE SEASON WHERE WARMTH SPREADS
SHOWA KINEN PARK'S SPRING FESTIVAL!!
AH
THERE'S ONE THIS YEAR TOO.
SPWIG... FWEST...?

YEAH—

IT'S GETTING WARMER RECENTLY ...

AND THE SPACIOUS PARK SEEMS PRETTY COMFORTABLE TOO---

FWESTIVAL ---!?

WANNA GO----!

UM, I GUESS ...

IT'S SOMETHING LIKE A FLOWER FESTIVAL.

AH

I REMEMBER SUCH AN EVENT...

SHOWA KINEN PARK?

THEY HAVE PLAYGROUNDS THERE TOO, SO I WAS THINKING OF BRINGING THE TWINS ALONG...

I'M FINE WITH IT, BUT WILL YOU BE FINE ALONE AT SUCH A BIG PLACE?

I HAVE WORK ON SATURDAY, SO...

I'LL BE FINE!

...

I see.

OKAY...

YAY---

AKANE-CHAN, AOI-KUN

WE'RE GOING TO THE FLOWER FESTIVAL ---!

It's good that she's reliable, but...

sigh...

It feels a little lonely to not be depended on at all.

AH!

S...SORRY, I PROMISED TO GO WITH AKANE-CHAN AND AOI-KUN...

HEY, SHIHARU

LET'S GO TO THIS TOGETHER!

EH---? CAN'T I TAG ALONG---?

AH, I DIDN'T MEAN IT THAT WAY! IT'S NOT THAT YOU CAN'T, BUT

UMM... WELL... I CAN'T TAKE MY EYES OFF THEM

SO RIO MIGHT GET BORED ...

I WOULDN'T CARE ABOUT SUCH THINGS---!

WE CAN TAKE CARE OF THEM TOGETHER!

BUGS ARE SCARY.

SORRY I HAVE AN APPOINT-MENT

How about you guys Na-chan . . ?

Where should we meet?

It'll be my first time going out with Aikane-chan Kooi-kun and Rio !

I'm looking forward to it !

SHOWA KINEN PARK

TICKETING MACHINE

DO YOU REMEMBER ME? WE MET AT THE CULTURAL FESTIVAL!

HELLO---! I'M YOSHII RIO---!

.....

I GUESS THEY'RE AFRAID OF STRANGERS ...

W...WHAT'S WRONG, YOU TWO? IT'S "RIO-CHAN" THAT I TOLD YOU ABOUT JUST NOW!

EH!?

E...

WOW---

THEY'RE BLOOMING!

DO YOU THINK THEY'LL GET BETTER OVER TIME?

I HOPE SO.

YOU'RE RIGHT---!

SHIHARU-TAN, LOTZA FLOWERS ...!

AH! BUT DON'T GO TOO FAR, ALRIGHT?

Are they so small that they would get covered by the flowers?

I won't be able to see you two.

Yeah

I'M GLAD IT'S SUNNY TODAY!

YOU FEEL GREAT WHEN THE WEATHER'S GOOD---

FLOWER ...!

BUT THEY WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND STUFF YOU TELL THEM ABOUT AT THE AGE---

SO CUTE---

SORRY, I DON'T THINK WE CAN AFFORD TO BE TOO CAREFREE...

IT'S ALRIGHT, IT'S ALRIGHT!

LET'S TAKE A PICTURE TO SHOW MATSUNAGA-SAN.

SEI-TAN?

YUP

HE'S WORKING HARD RIGHT NOW...

SO LET'S SHOW HIM HOW BEAUTIFUL THE FLOWERS WERE.

Amazing

Do they smell nice---?

DO!

She's trying her best huh?

Shiharu

POKE

OUT

EH... YOU... DIDN'T COME HERE ALONE, RIGHT?

WHO DID YOU COME WITH...?

AH---! IT'S SHIHARU-CHAN!

EH...? MANA-CHAN!?

DDD

TAKERU---

MANAAAA ---

HEY---
I'M HUNGRY

LET'S GO TO A FOOD STAND.

HELLO.

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TRUE STORY

I NATURALLY SWEAT A LOT SO I'M CONVINCED THAT "I'M THE REINCARNATION OF A KAPPA* THAT'S WHY I'M ALWAYS GETTING WET" AND SO

I'M GOING TO COSPLAY AS A KAPPA AND POSE LIKE A REAL ONE AT THE RIVER BED SO COULD YOU HELP ME TAKE A PHOTO?

AHAHA, SURE.

SOUNDS FUN

THE KAPPA COSTUMES THEY WERE SELLING DON'T LOOK REAL. SO I'M GOING TO PAINT MYSELF DEEP GREEN.

YOU'RE REALLY SERIOUS!

BECOMING SO THAT ONLY KIDS WILL BE DECEIVED.

ADULTS WON'T!

IT'S ALMOST REAL

!!!

IT'D BE GOOD IF YOU DIDN'T TROUBLE THE POLICE.

*KAPPA IS A LEGENDARY CREATURE AND A TYPE OF WATER SPRITE FOUND IN JAPANESE FOLKLORE

OH---

SHIHARU-CHIN!!

AH

YOUR FRIEND?

YES! SHE'S MY CLASS-MATE,

YOSHII RIO-CHAN.

HELLO ---

HEY THERE!

I'M SEI-CHAN'S CHILDHOOD FRIEND, MIYAGAWA TAKERU.

NICE TO MEET YA---

AH! DO YOU KNOW WHO SEI-CHAN IS?

YUP YUP!

I'M... REALLY HUNGRY,

AND THE FOOD STALL IS PRETTY FAR, SO COULD YOU LOOK AFTER MANA FOR ME---?

YEAH, OKAY.

GRUMBLE

AH!

SHI... SHIHARU-CHIN.

NO FEAR OF STRANGERS

R.O, do you want any?

Nope.

I'M FINE--!

DO YOU GUYS WANT ANY FOOD!?

THANKS ---!

Alright take care of her for me.

AH

THANK YOU!

THAT'S RIGHT, PLEASE DRINK THIS IF YOU WANT ☆

:
:
!?

DRIP
DRIP
DRIP

AH
IT'S
HOT.

HAF IT---
♡

Hmm?
AH, I WONDER WHAT'S INSIDE.
LET'S HAVE SOME OF IT.

SHIHARU-TAN, THIS IS JIUSHI?

MISO SOUP ...!?

When will you be returning?

Do you want to have some?

ILLUSION

This Pure Japanese style familiar and mellow smell This is

DILISHOUS

It's warm
IT'S MISO SOUP---

SIP
SIP
SIP

AO TOO
MITO
SHOOP

THAT PERSON IS PRETTY NICE BUT WEIRD---

But it looks delicious

?

AHAHA-HAHA

HMM?

AH, THAT'S MISTER BUTTERFLY ---

You haven't seen a rea one, huh?

SHIHARU-TAN, FLOWER FREW!

!?

NIMBLY

AH!!

RUN

BUTTARFRY-SAAAAN

AH--- IT'S WARM---

NICE WEATHER ---

SLIGHT BREEZE

SURE, SURE.

I'LL BE FINE IF IT'S JUST ONE PERSON.

SORRY RIO, COULD YOU LOOK AFTER MANA-CHAN FOR A WHILE!?

STUCK

I wanna come here with my boyfriend next time

HOP

B

AH

EH

UWAAAAAAA

That's good
It seems
like she didn't
get injured

AH---

WHA, YOU GOT REALLY DIRTY---

IT'S ALRIGHT, IT'S ALR ...

AH!?

She fell !?

AHHH!!

AH, BUT I DON'T HAVE A TOWEL...

SHE'LL CATCH A COLD...

E...EH, THE TAP IS...

UWAAAA

Oh What should I do?

AH~~~~ DON'T CRY~~~

SHIHARU AT THAT INSTANT

EH? TOILET !?

Shiharu

COMMIN' OUT

EH?

STICK

WAAAAAAAA

UWA, YOU'RE COVERED IN MUD---!

WHAT'S WRONG, MANA---?

AH

I...

I'M SORRY ...

You're more worried about your G pants than your sister's tears ?

They'll shrink if I wash them...

MY G PANTS ARE---!

CAN'T BE HELPED, HUH?

You fell down just now?

Ah

She stopped crying

I'M BACK---

SORRY RIO, WE WENT TO THE TOILET...

EH?

WEL-COME BACK ---

WHAT'S WRONG? MANA-CHAN FELL DOWN?

You're covered in mud

ALRIGHT ALRIGHT, GOOD GIRL, YOU STOPPED CRYING--- ☆

...MANA, GOOD GIRL!

YUP!

.....

EH!?

UM... IF IT'S FINE WITH YOU, HOW ABOUT USING AKANE-CHAN'S CHANGE OF CLOTHES?

EH!? THAT'S BECAUSE KIDS GET THEIR CLOTHES DIRTY EASILY---

WHY DID YOU BRING A CHANGE OF CLOTHES!?

EH?

.....

THAT'S TRUE---

I only took my eyes off her for 20-30 seconds

SIGH ...

How about we head to the play ground

Sigh I cant even babysit a child

I want to make Mona chan smile too

Looks fun

KYA

KYA

But it's not like I want to become a good babysitter like Shihoru

MANA-CHAAN!

LOOK HERE---!

WHOOP

AB

ST

A-

AMAZING ---!

R...RIO, YOU DID RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS...?

EH?

NOPE, I WENT TO A CHILDCARE CENTER DURING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

AND I MANAGED TO REMEMBER QUITE A FEW MOVES.

ELEMENTARY GRADE

ALTHOUGH I WASN'T VERY GOOD COMPARED TO THE OTHERS...

AH, MOVE BACK A LITTLE!

TURN

WOOP

WAAAA
AAA---

SHE'S SMILING...!!

PANT

PANT --

I did it...

GASP

APPLAUSE

That's really amazing

APPLAUSE

Just like a circus performance

APPLAUSE

DIZZY

WOAH...

Thank you

ARE YOU ALRIGHT?

RIO-CHI,

YOU'RE TOO COOL!

This guy's smile is pretty cute...

ENE! ♡

AMAZHING AMAZHING, RIO-CHI'S AMAZHING!!

The twins who are scared of strangers are growing up---!!

Rio, you're...!

THANKS ---!

RIO-TAN AMASHING!

AMAZING!!

DAZE

.....

AH.

HEY, SHIHARU ---

RIO--- THE PHOTOS ARE OUT---!

A cola?

I WONDER ...

RIO, WHAT'S WRONG?

EH---!?

2-D

WHICH HIGH SCHOOL DOES TAKERU-KUN GO TO---?

Is it near here?

EH? AH, TAKERU-KUN IS A UNIVERSITY STUDENT.

I don't know where he's studying though

REALLY? W...WHAT SHOULD I DO? I WAS SPEAKING TO HIM SO CASUALLY BEFORE---

I thought he was either younger or the same age as us ?

WASN'T THAT TOO RUDE!? IS HE ANGRY...!?

...

IT'LL BE FINE! TAKERU-KUN LOOKED LIKE HE HAD LOTS OF FUN!

IT'S MY FIRST TIME SEEING HIM SO EXCITED---

R...

REALLY...?

YUP.

The sight breeze

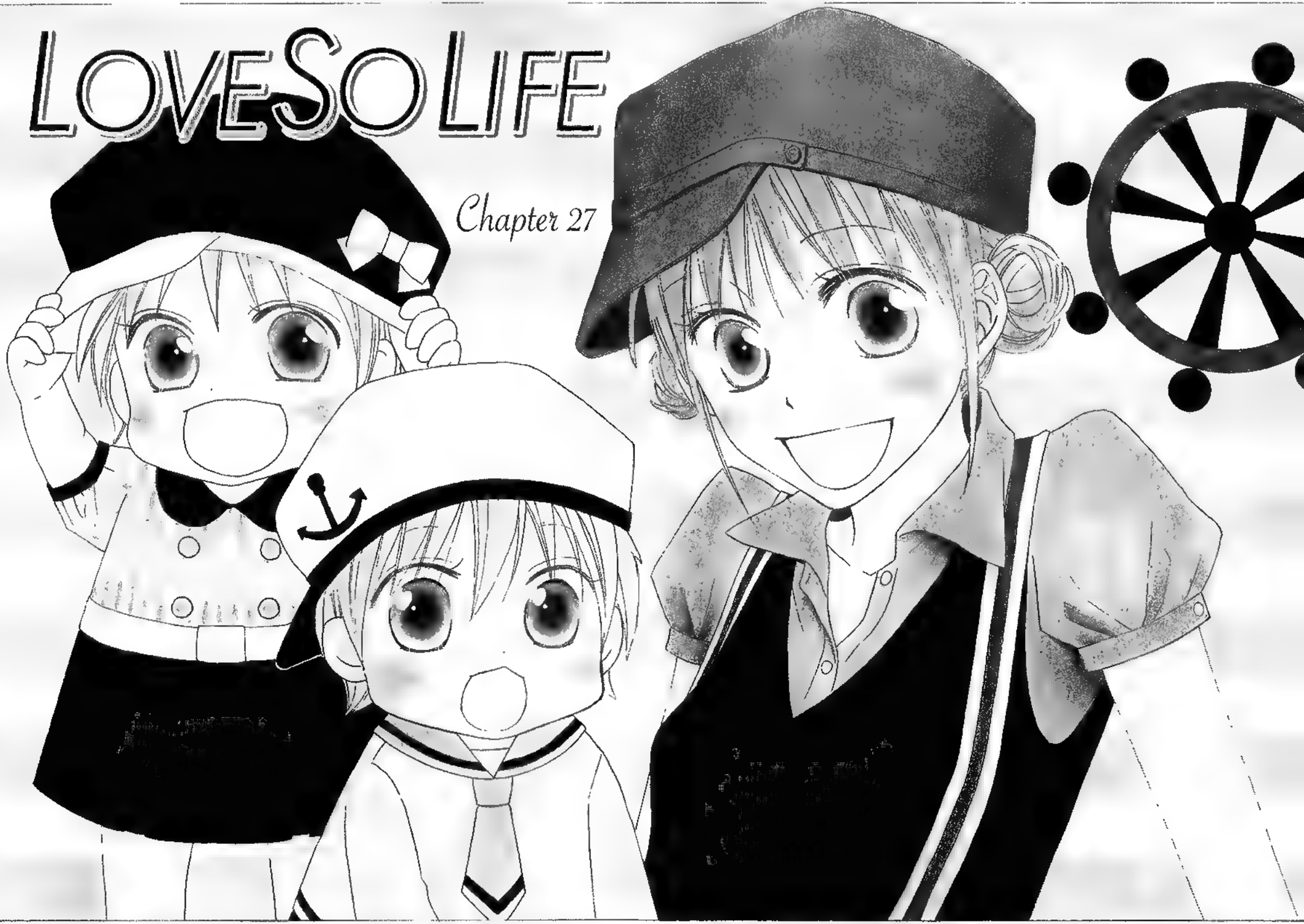
gently

brought spring here


EHHHH LET ME RECALL IF THERE'S ANY . .
SHE WON'T BE ANGRY NO MATTER WHAT YOU SAY!
IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO APOLOGIZE TO RIO FOR, NOW'S THE CHANCE!

LOVE SO LIFE

Chapter 27




KYA

THE SUDDEN ENCOUNTER

PROM

VEHICLE DVD ILLUSTRATED ENCYCLOPEDIA 3

DVD 3

Thwis

VEHICLE ILLUSTRATED ENCYCLOPEDIA 3
DVD
(3)

Letsh watsh

Shiharu-tan

AOI-KUN, LET'S HEAD BACK—

Gasp

BUT... SORRY I CAN'T BUY IT FOR YOU...

EH...

WAA, THE VEHICLES ARE SO COOL—

Oh...
What should I do? What should I say to make him give it up?

Thwis has lotsh of vehwical—

This is terrible.
he really wants to watch it
Should I just buy it for him!?
But that means I'll have to buy something for Aoi-chan too

VEHICLE DVD ILLUSTRATED ENCYCLOPEDIA 3
DVD
3

LOW SPIRITS

AOI-KUN! I'LL BRING YOU TO A GREAT PLACE!

Super Market

AH! THAT'S RIGHT!

Super Market

DVD

City Second Library

Stare

GASP

AH! I'M SORRY!

It'sh BDB

(IT'S DVD)

Shiharu-tan, many picture books!

AKANE-CHAN, AOI-KUN!

THIS IS WHERE YOU READ BOOKS, SO SHHH—!

Yeesh

Recitation Club

Eh—
The recitation club, huh...?

Looks good. I wonder when it is...

PLACE: THIRD CENTRAL
DATE AND TIME:
EVERY WEDNESDAY
FROM 2PM ONWARDS

.....

A weekday...!

I guess it's impossible since I have school

.....

While we are together,

I'll read a lot for you...

For the times that I couldn't bring you here...

And so,

the twins' experience with DVDs began.

shriek shriek

THE DUE DATE WILL BE TWO WEEKS FROM NOW

OKAY

yeah—

LET'S COME HERE AGAIN AFTER FINISHING THE DVDS

Ao-kun watsh!

Ah—! Akane watsh!

I'M TELLING YOU TO TAKE TURNS WATCHING!

DVD

Wack Wack

Ahh!

Noo—! Watsh vehwical!

FLAIL

YOU SELFISH BOY—

Ah— geez

AOI, YOU JUST FINISHED WATCHING YOUR DVD, SO IT'S AKANE'S TURN, ISN'T IT?

Ding Dong

AH, IT'S NAKA-MURA-SAN

Ahi

?

WHAT'S WRONG?

I DIDN'T KNOW AOI LIKED VEHICLES SO MUCH...

COSMO RANGER HAS BEEN BECOMING ONE WITH VEHICLES RECENTLY—

Ah— Shiaru-tan!

THEY'RE FIGHTING FOR THE DVD PLAYER...

HE'S CRYING, BUT AOI'S THE CULPRIT

I smell money.

R-Rrr...

R-Rrr...

.....

I SEE ...

SUPER COMBINATION!

COSMO TRAIN!

?

I WONDER IF I STILL HAVE THEM—

THAT'S RIGHT,

SPEAKING OF WHICH, I HAD A LOT OF THESE TOYS WHEN I WAS YOUNG...

I A H

2 F STOREROOM

RUSTLE

RUSTLE

MATSU-NAGA-SAN...?

OH

FOUND IT...!

Traain—!

Good for you—

I actually still have them...

Yes yes

Ah— Sei-tan! ♡

.....

AKANE-CHAN, I'LL BRING YOU SOME TOYS THAT I USED TO PLAY WITH NEXT TIME, ALRIGHT?

Matsunaga-san's family only had boys

Eh hei

STIRRED UP BECAUSE OF AOI-KUN'S ATTACHMENT TO VEHICLES—

BUT TO THINK THAT SOMETHING ELSE

THIS MATTER APPEARED TO BE RESOLVED SMOOTHLY—

©

Faire-enjin!!

I wonder what this red vehicle is?

It's a car that puts out fires!

Polish car!!

Metropolitan Police Department

Black and white... It's a car that ensures the safety of the town

The red siren won't let bad guys get away!

Umm... I want to watch TV...

Umbu-rance!!

AMBULANCE

It looks like a bus, but it's all white

It brings the sick and the injured to the hospital!

WELL THEN, LET'S BEGIN THE MEETING

FIRST, AFTER THE TITLE CG

AHH... NOT AGAIN ...

CAN I CONTINUE?

?

NOT AGAIN...!?

YOU LIKE THEM?

VEHICLES!?

THIS WEEK'S TOPIC IS THE CITY'S VEHICLE MUSEUM...

The due date arrived

Oblivious to Matsunaga -san's neurosis—

Slides quickly

...No

ALRIGHT! WELL THEN, LET'S HAND THE DVD OVER TO THE NICE LADY—

SAY "THANK YOU!"

...?

Why?

AOI-KUN, THIS IS SOMETHING WE BORROWED, SO WE NEED TO RETURN IT ...

Return

EH?

.....

This is bad

He doesn't understand the concept of "borrowing"...?

FOR EVERYONE TO BE ABLE TO BORROW IT,

WE NEED TO LEND IT TO THE LADY!

SO, HOW ABOUT WE RETURN IT?

DVD

③

Pretty?

UM...

AOI-KUN, YOU SEE...

THAT DVD ACTUALLY BELONGS TO EVERYONE

Not Ao's?

Y...YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT

IT'S NOT JUST AOI-KUN'S...

Sinking

No

No retarn—

Smack

IF IT'S FINE WITH YOU, WOULD YOU LIKE TO EXTEND THE DUE DATE?

EH ...

AH... PLEASE DO!

Ao-kun's sh—

Run

Grab

YOU CAN EXTEND THE DUE DATE FOR "DOG'S TREE", BUT...

SOMEONE HAS ALREADY MADE A RESERVATION TO BORROW "VEHICLE"...

HMMM...

AH ...

*Note Senzu (holy beans) is a type of bean with highly rejuvenating powers in the manga Dragonball.

⑤

True story.

When I get tired from work, I often talk about how "I want to eat senzu*..." and my assistant would buy them for me

The senzu Hina-chan gave me...

Assistant

It's almost empty

Super Market

Ah!

Note the real name is Denroku-mame

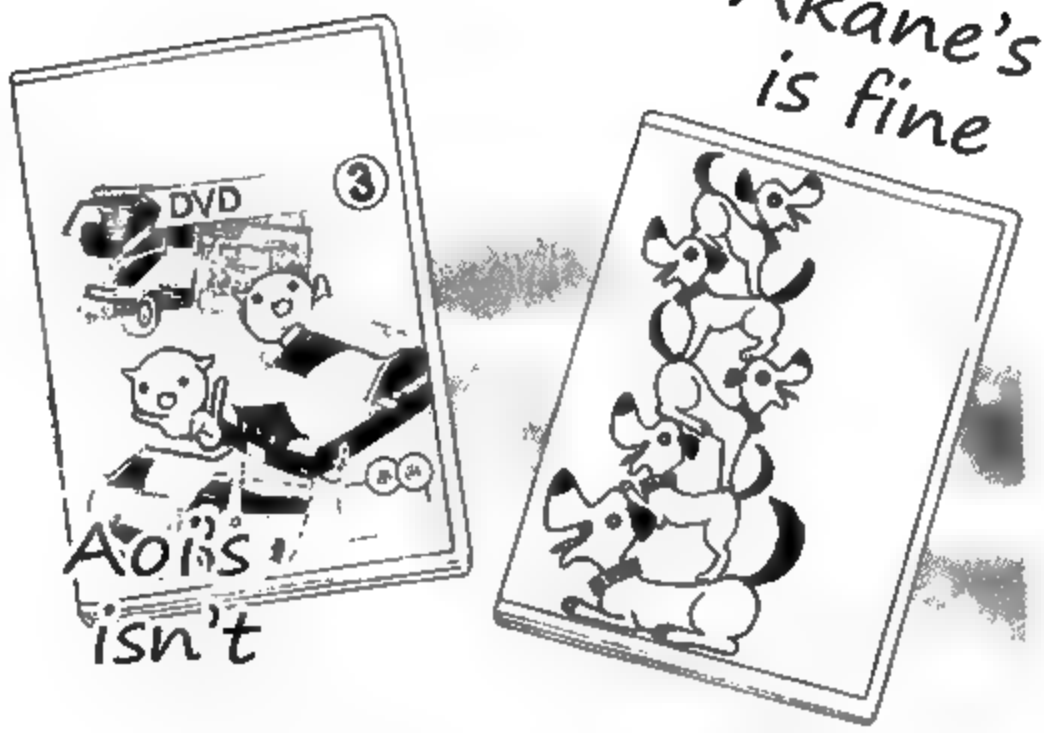
DE O ROKU MAME

Senzu?

Rattling Rattling

Stares

De O roku works too.







YES, YOU WILL

AH... UHM, WILL I BE ABLE TO BORROW THE DVD AGAIN?

EH ...

Secretly

THEN, UHM, I'M REALLY SORRY, BUT...

THE LADY FROM JUST NOW WOULD LIKE TO WATCH IT AT HER HOUSE

ABOUT THAT DVD...

AOI-KUN, AOI-KUN

AND SHE WANTS TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT VEHICLES!

I WANT TO WATCH IT TOO—

YUP!

Licke vehicle?

Ba-dump

Y...
YUP!
THANK YOU!

...
Watsh
...?

DVD

SORRY FOR TROUBLING YOU...

NO,

I'M ALWAYS HAPPY TO HELP

Grab

YES!

At that moment

Akane was fighting over a picture book

Jump

RUN

AKANE-CHA—...

!!

Scratch

Ah— Shiaru-tan

AKANE-CHAN, ARE YOU ALRIGHT?

Ah— got scratched—

WA— YOU WERE SHOCKED, RIGHT?

Shtop the pein pein—!

THE BOOK WAS ON THE VERGE OF TEARING—

BUT... THE PICTURE BOOK WAS ALSO IN PAIN PAIN JUST NOW ...

AKANE-CHAN'S A GOOD GIRL FOR LETTING GO OF IT

EH?

AH, POOR GIRL...

WHY DON'T I GET YOU A BANDAID?

HOLD ON ...

AH, THAT'S RIGHT!

Rustle

ALRIGHT, WHAT IS THIS? ☆

Sti—ck

Thank you ~~very~~ much!

ISN'T THAT GREAT, AKANE-CHAN?

IT'S A BANDAID TO HELP YOU GET BETTER!

Ah!

Ribbon!!

AFTER WE GET HOME...

EH!? BUT YOU'RE NOT INJURED.

Ao-kun too!

It'sh a ribbon—

AAH, I'M SORRY!

Yeah!

So cute

GEEZ— JUST ONE, OKAY?



GOOD MORNING ...

G...

Shri ek Shri ek

I wonder if it was Naka-mura-san...

MORNING ...

Watsh one moar time—

Ah— Sei-tan

Matsu naga-san is crying too...!?

Ugh...

I'll get someone from the department store to check it..

Watsh

Ah!

AND THEY GOT SO EXCITED THAT THEY STARTED HITTING THE KEYBOARD. NOW THE LAPTOP IS ALL WEIRD AND FROZEN...

JUST NOW, I SHOWED THEM A VIDEO ABOUT VEHICLES

I NEED TO USE IT AT WORK!

ENOUGH ALREADY!

Sei-tan, vehwicle—

AOI-KUN,

LET'S PLAY WITH THE TOYS MATSU-NAGA-SAN GAVE YOU—

Pulay!

DVDs and

videos are fun, but...

HAVE A SAFE TRIP!

WELL THEN, I'M OFF

As I thought, above everything else "being together" comes first

LOVE SO LIFE



LoveSoLife

Chapter 28



Some-
times
I
wonder

what
kind
of
existence
am I to
the twins
?

EH

SHIHARU IS WORKING PART-TIME AT A NURSERY?

YEAH, SINCE IT'S PART-TIME I WORK AS AN ASSISTANT TO THE STAFF MEMBERS THERE ...

I SEE. IS IT NEAR OUR SCHOOL?

IT'S THE "SUNFLOWER" NURSERY NEAR THE TRAIN STATION.

UM ...

UM... UH... MY MOM... WILL BE HOSPITALIZED FOR A WEEK,

SO DURING THAT TIME ...

IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN,

MY BROTHER WHO'S ALMOST FIVE WILL BE STAYING THERE FOR A WHILE...

HE'S QUITE A SELFISH KID... SO PLEASE TAKE CARE OF HIM...

.....

2m

Hey

WHO WAS THAT AGAIN?

Ah

OKAY ...

YUKI-CHAN!

TANI ... TANI ... GUCHI ...

GEEZ — HE'S ... Y'know

EH... — BUT... He's always in the background

Geez

THAT WAS RUDE! HE'S YOUR CLASSMATE, YOU KNOW!

.....

THAT'S RIGHT!

IT'S KAWAHARA-KUN.

I wonder what he's like

Younger brother, huh —?

cccc

drag drag

TH UD

ALRIGHT EVERYONE, WE HAVE A NEW FRIEND HERE !

Gather round—

RYOU-TAROU-SAMA*

I'M KAWA-HARA

T/N: Sama is a more respectful version of san and is used to refer to those of higher rank. Here, he uses sama to refer to himself, indicating great arrogance

WELL THEN EVERYONE, PLEASE GET ALONG WITH RYOUTAROU-KUN

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? I WILL GET ALONG WITH THEM. THAT'S BECAUSE I'M AMAZING.

YES, YES.

Kawa-hara-kun's younger brother

is com-pletely

different from him.

Energetic

.....

AHHH

Eh?

Ryoutarou-sama took my building blocks

Ryoutarou-sama took my car

WHAT'S WRONG, TAKUMI-KUN?

MIKA-CHAN, WHAT'S WRONG?

And so

And of course

POOF

he became hated by everyone at the nursery.

Ryou-

tarou-

sama is,

at any rate, a boy who takes away others' belongings

Hey!

⑥

True Story part 5

Thinking that I needed to tan a bit, I went to the pool with my nephew and niece during summer





Actually, I'd already put on some bronzer



it doesn't seem like he's taking things because he wants them

But

pant pant

GIVE IT BACK!

.....

Could it be that

THEY'RE ALL YOUNG, SO THEY WON'T UNDERSTAND IF YOU DON'T TELL THEM

Geez—

WH... WHAT ARE YOU SAYING ...!?

HEY, EVERYONE, RYOUTAROU-KUN SAYS THAT HE WANTS TO PLAY WITH YOU ALL

Eh—?

THAT YOU "WANT TO PLAY".

because he's amazing, right?

Ryou-tarou-sama can say it

YES.

FINALLY, EVEN SHIHARU UNDERSTANDS HOW AMAZING I AM!

Well, well

.....HMPH.

MY MOM... WILL BE HOSPITALIZED FOR A WEEK...

HEY, YOU GUYS! IT'S FINE TO PLAY WITH ME, TOO!

.....

He's turning five, but

it's still a big thing to be seperated from his mother for a week

in order to fill up the gap in his heart.

He might be taking things to attract attention

I'LL ALLOW YOU... TO GO OUT WITH ME ...!

SHI-HARU.

I'VE... THOUGHT ABOUT IT CAREFULLY ...

EH... U-MM ...

G... GOING OUT... MEANING ...

BECOME MY GIRL!

W...

WOW~

EH!?

AH... BUT...

WAIT A SEC ...!?

That's my seat!

HEY, YOU TWO CHIBIS OVER THERE, GET OUTTA MY WAY!

PUSH

ANGRY

W... WAIT, STOP——!!

sigh

Didn't you say you would fly to me, no matter when?

I can't, we'll wake my mom up.

"My girl" He's amazing for a five-year-old——...

creak

Gasp ...!!!

Geez Johnny, It's because you're in a good mood. ♡

It's your fault for being so cute...

What are you two doing!?

Ma... Mama ..!

Y... You've got it wrong, aunty This is...!

Eh . eh!? Should I teach them what a kiss is . !?

AH ...

KISS

TH...THAT'S THE WAY FOREIGNERS KISS SOME-ONE THEY LIKE.

Der lips touched.

Y ... YEAH ...


...?
RUN
RUN
RUN
Shumwun you like ...
KISS


I'm home
Ah,
Sei-tan.


.....

Pat
Pat
Weyk up ~
Sei-tan!
URGH ...
HEA... VY...
AH ?
Kish Shi-haru-tan
Sei-tan, kish!
KISS ♡
KISH SHUM-WUN YOU IKE |
What happened ?

LOVE SO LIFE

YOU KNOW, JAPANESE PEOPLE DON'T DO THAT IN EVERYDAY LIFE, EVEN WITH THEIR FAMILIES.

?

!

!

U-um.

I'M SORRY.

JUST NOW, THERE WAS A... K-KISSING SCENE ON TV...

My explanation might have been misunderstood...

I LI- ...

Shiharu-tan don like Sei-tan?

EH!? IT'S NOT LIKE THAT!

.....

AH
SOMEHOW, I SUDDENLY FEEL LIKE CLEANING THE STOVE.

WHOOSH

I'LL GO CLEAN IT.

EH !?
YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO SUCH THINGS!

Why?

Fohh, geez.

Ah

RUN

Shiharu-tan wueird.

.....

This is bad ...

SCRUB SCRUB

There's nothing wrong with saying it

Not saying it makes me seem more suspicious

I...

actually looked forward to it for a bit

DOSUKOI!

AKANE-CHAN, AOI-KUN!?

A...

YOU CAN'T PUSH A FRIEND...!

UWWAAHN

TN: a sumo exclamation.

SHIHARU-CHAN RIGHT NOW IS EVERYONE'S SHIHARU-CHAN.

YOU TWO ...

JUST BECAUSE RYOUTAROU-KUN DID IT, THAT DOESN'T MEAN IT'S A NICE THING TO FOLLOW...

RYOU-TAROU

LET'S GO HOME

AH!

PAPA

Aka-ne's!

NO ...!

Shiharu-tan is Aoi's!

GLOMP

I'M REALLY SORRY, DID RYOUTAROU CAUSE ANY TROUBLE?

Eh

UM... TODAY WAS ALRIGHT ..

MY WIFE WILL BE DISCHARGED FROM THE HOSPITAL THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW, SO ——!

EH ——! MAMA'S COMING BACK ——?

THAT'S RIGHT, LET'S GO VISIT HER TOMORROW ——


Home together.
Shuharu-tan, let go hwome togever.
Ah

The feeling of loneliness and sadness

wanting to be spoiled, wanting to be given a tight hug...

I know this feeling ...

How does it feel to be spoiled by someone else

I'M SORRY, TODAY THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE,

BUT WE CAN PASS BY THE PARK ON THE WAY!

Okay?

But... today I'm still at work...

I can't give them special treatment, because that would be unfair to the others...

HEY, YOU TWO, YOU KNOW ...?

I ...

LOVE RYOU-TAROU-KUN AND THE OTHER KIDS, I REALLY LOVE EVERY-ONE...

... BUT,

IT'S A SECRET THAT

AKANE-CHAN AND AOI-KUN,

I LOVE YOU TWO MUCH, MUCH MORE!

your Mama, or Papa,

Even if I can't become

Smile

I LOVE, LOVE, LOVE YOU TWO SO MUCH!

I WILL KISS YOU!

Smooch

and soft cheeks

these small but warm


Even if
it's just
a little
bit...
Please let
me keep them
for myself
...

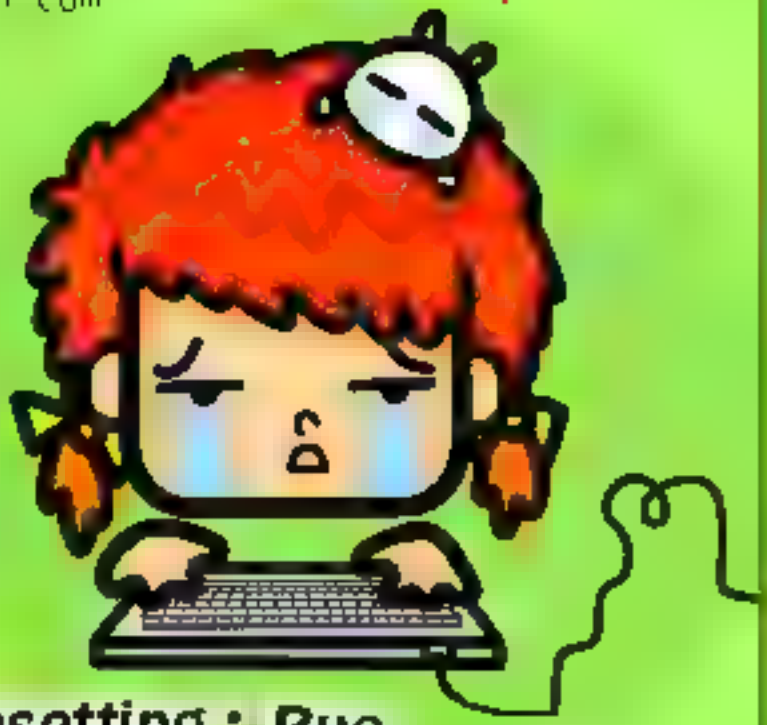


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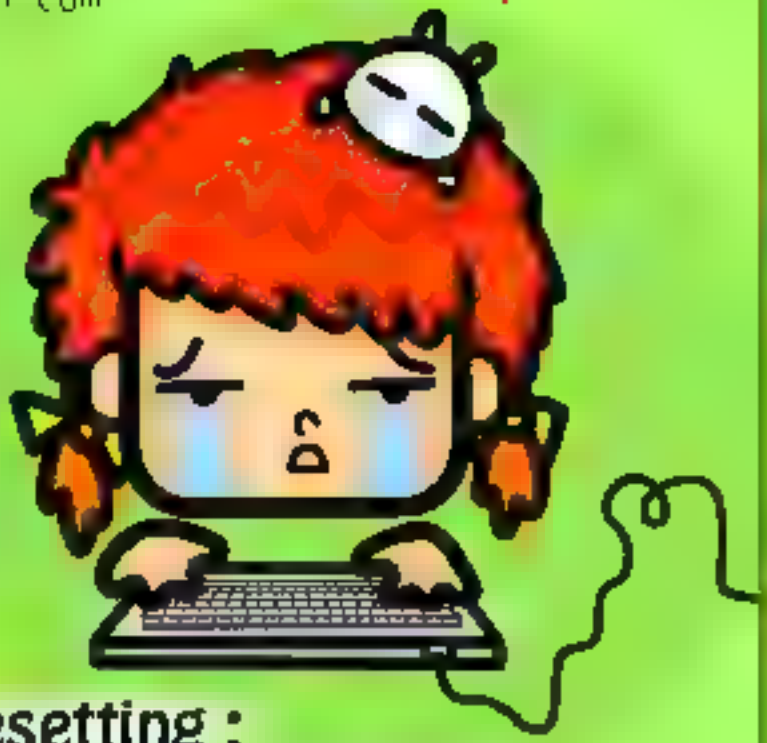
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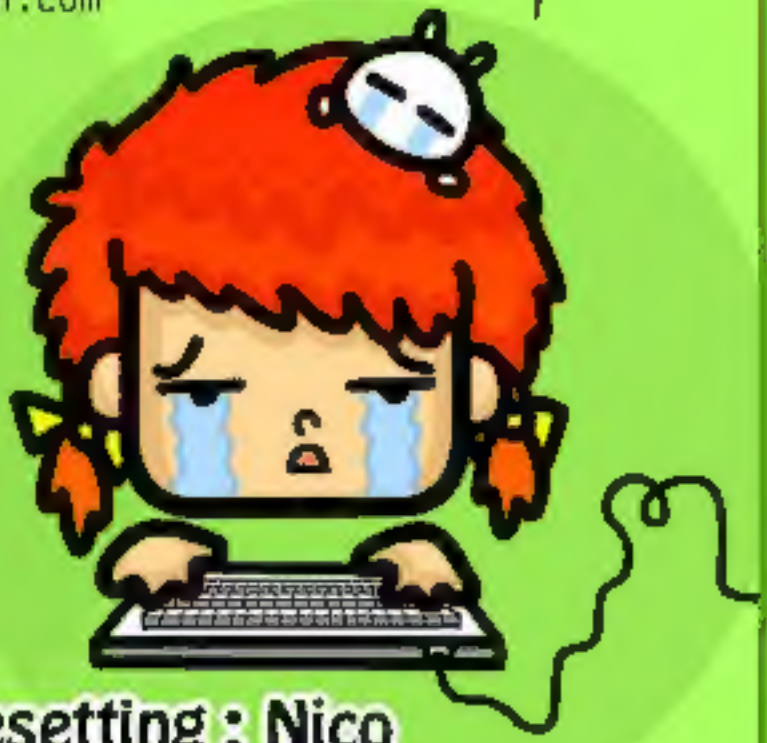
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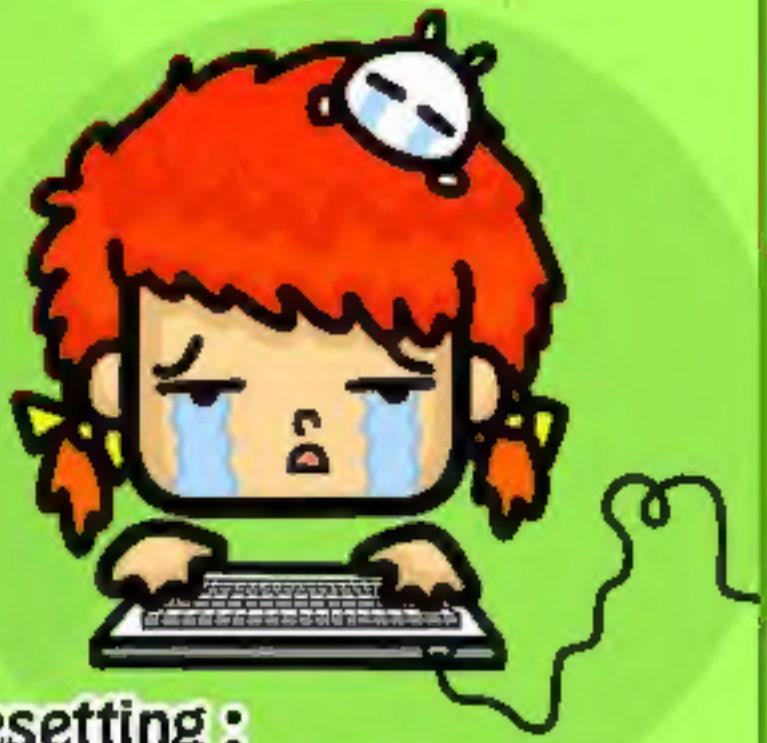
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